

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Alfons NICHTL

Serial No.: Divisional of U.S. Serial Number 09/120,230

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For: GOLD CONJUGATES CONTAINING DETERGENT

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 7, 2000

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to the examination of this application,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, before line 1, insert the following sentence:

--This application is a divisional application filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of parent  
application Serial No. 09/120,230, filed July 22, 1998.--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 1-16 without prejudice.

Add the following new claim:

--23. A process for producing colloidal particles on the surface of which  
biomolecules are absorbed, said process comprising contacting the colloidal particles with  
a solution containing the biomolecules, wherein a detergent is added to the colloidal  
particles before contact with the biomolecules or/and a detergent is added to a solution  
containing the biomolecules before or/and during contacting of the colloidal particles with  
such solution.--